

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, APRIL 22, 1943

The Board of Public Works met on April 22, 1943, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 1943, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

ARSENAL AND VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION:

The Arsenal and Veterans Memorial Commission, represented by Messrs. Charles B. Alexander, Thomas B. Sprague, Milton A. Tolle, and Samuel H. Shriver, Chairman of the Commission, appeared before the Board of Public Works for the purpose of discussing the future of the property in Pikesville owned by the State and known as the Maryland Old Line Confederate Soldiers' Home. Mr. Shriver, speaking for the Commission, advised the Board that it was desired to know just what authority the Arsenal and Veterans Memorial Commission has in the matter of control of the property and the possible sale of all or part of it, and the use of any moneys to be received in connection with the sale of the property. The delegation discussed the use being made of the property at the present time by The Red Cross, The Health Center, The Scout organizations, etc., and the possibilities of using the property for other purposes, such as Community Hall, Library, etc., and wanted to know just how far the Board was willing for them to go in the matter.

The Governor suggested that some concrete proposal should be submitted to the Board for its consideration, adding that it was pertinent to know just the procedure which the State should follow in disposing of any property owned by it, that is, whether at private or public sale, the competition to be had if sale were made privately, how much of the property might be sold, and how much retained, and the use to be made of the proceeds from the sale of the property. Mr. Alexander stated that he realized that the Commission had nothing definite to lay before the Board but that he was anxious to know just what the Commission might do which would be satisfactory to the Board. The Governor suggested that whenever the Commission had any definite proposals from interested persons, the Board would be glad to consider them. He also suggested that some persons might be interested in the purchase of the entire property rather than part of it and that they would not be interested in any proposal except for the purchase of the entire property. The Governor said that he thought anyone interested in the property ought to have an opportunity to offer a proposal for it.

The Commission agreed to get in touch with the Board at a later date when it would be able to submit a proposal such as that outlined by the Board.

BOARD OF MENTAL HYGIENE:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. George H. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, dated April 19th, 1943, relative to the Special Maintenance Fund which the Board, last year, authorized to be set up from receipts from sundry sources covering the maintenance of patients from Baltimore City and the various counties of the State in the state mental hospitals, requesting the Board to authorize the use of this Fund in the future in accordance with the authority heretofore given in addition to which the expense of carrying out the provisions of an Act passed by the General Assembly at the 1943 Session relating to Rosewood State Training School would be paid.

After due consideration, the request of Dr. Preston was approved.

CHELTHENHAM SCHOOL FOR BOYS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Vance E. Thomas, Superintendent of Cheltenham School for Boys, regarding complaint made by the Charles A. Spielman Co., Inc. that because of increased costs of materials and labor, it would be necessary for the State to reimburse the contractor for the additional amount of money incurred by him in connection with the work of installing the water and sewage system at the institution.

After considering the matter, the Board was of the opinion that the contractor should be required to complete the work in accordance with the terms of the contract he made with the State and that in the event he refuses to do this, the matter should be taken up with the surety who furnished the bond to cover the obligations of the contractor.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND:

The Board approved the request of the Commissioners of the State Accident Fund that \$100,000 in War Bonds of Victory Loan No. 2 be purchased for the State Accident Fund. The State Treasurer was previously notified of the request and authorized to make the purchase.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

Refunds

After careful consideration of the following claims, the Board authorized payment of the following refunds from Miscellaneous Appropriation #2, Item #24.

Alcoholic Beverages Tax Division:	\$7,424.62
Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland	\$708.05
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Chemical Warfare Center Exchange, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland	117.59
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Main Canteen, Student Canteen & Gun Powder Canteen, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.	16.00
Student Officers' Canteen, Officers' Mess & Gunpowder Mess, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.	18.76
Post Exchange, Camp Ritchie, Md.	44.70
Post Exchange, Fort George G. Meade, Md.	1,082.05
" " " "	1,064.59
Ship's Service Store, U. S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md.	41.43
" " " "	59.37
" " " "	27.27
" " " "	35.82
Post Exchange, Marine Barracks, U. S. Naval Powder Factory, Indian Head, Md.	22.11
Pabst Brewing Co., Milwaukee	68.65
Pabst Sales Co., Chicago	127.87
Valley Forge Distributing Co.	127.88
Lockport Brewing Co.	33.01
United Distillers (of America), Ltd.	24.79
Officers' Club, Holabird Ordnance Depot, Baltimore, Md.	28.88
Pabst Brewing Co., Milwaukee	1,219.02
Camp Ritchie Exchange, Camp Ritchie, Md.	33.15
" " " "	20.93
Ship's Service Store, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md.	30.84
Chemical Warfare Center Exchange, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.	95.27
N.C.O. Club #1, Fort George G. Meade, Md.	455.92
Post Exchange, Marine Barracks, N.P.F., Indian Head, Md.	2.79
Camp Ritchie Exchange, Camp Ritchie, Md.	30.21

Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.	\$886.04	
Main Canteen, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.	16.81	
Ship's Service Store, U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base, Solomons Branch, Washington, D. C.	84.72	
Jenkins Memorial Hospital	3.36	
Rev. Jos. H. Irwin, for Sts. Peter & Paul's Rectory	2.00	
Rev. T. A. Calnan, for St. Michael's Church	1.44	
St. Mary's Seminary	9.60	
U. S. Naval Training Station, Reception Center, Bainbridge, Md.	20.25	
Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Post Exchange, Patuxent River, Md.	9.79	
Tru-Blu Beer Corporation	35.80	
Corporation Taxes:		\$18.30
Hubert H. Wright, Inc.	5.01	
Audirm Realty Co., Inc.	10.49	
The Wootton & Addison-Agency	2.80	
Titling Tax:		139.71
Margaret Brice McDonald	16.56	
Albert Ira Weinbren	3.61	
Addie Aloysius Abell	5.24	
Chevy Chase Body Works	11.33	
Joseph Alfred Varnorio, Jr.	3.72	
Alice Louise Lahey	15.05	
Hilda Lillian Alders	3.51	
John Cecil Parker	22.99	
James Coyle (Petty Cash)	23.30	
Steuart Motor Co.	16.96	
Bernard Green	15.94	
	1.50	

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board letter received from the Treasurer of Anne Arundel County with claim for refund in the amount of \$131.68 covering taxes refunded by the Anne Arundel County Commissioners of duplicate payments of State taxes during the years 1940, 1941 and 1942 in the period July 1 to December 31, 1942, with a detailed list of taxpayers attached to the claim.

Upon recommendation of the Comptroller, the Board approved payment of the claim to the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County. However, the Comptroller stated it would be necessary to delay payment of the claim due to the appropriation for such refunds having been exhausted and there would be no further funds available until July 1, 1943.

CONVENTIONS:

Mr. Kirkman asked the Board if it wanted to change its action previously taken relative to the attendance of State officers at National Conventions. The Board did not feel any necessity to give further consideration to the matter at this time.

COURT COSTS:

The Board approved payment of the following items of court costs from Item #207 of the budget of the Board of Public Works.

The Daily Record: Woelfel vs. State	\$48.40
Hopper vs. Jones, Employment Commissioner	15.00
Charlton Bros. Transp. Co. vs. Gontrum Insurance Commissioner	24.00
Court of Appeals: Potomac Electric Power Co. vs. State Tax Commission	39.75
State Law Department: " " "	12.50
Court of Common Pleas: Church Home & Hospital of Baltimore City vs. State Tax Commission	21.90
C. W. Klipper: " " " "	5.00.

CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Board approved the request of Crownsville State Hospital that it be authorized to award a contract to J. W. Marchant, of Baltimore, for the installation of exhaust steam pipe for utilizing exhaust steam from the boiler, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by James R. Edmunds, Jr., architect, and James Posey, consulting engineer, at a cost of \$3,275.00.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISH:

The Board approved the request of the Department of Game and Inland Fish that it be authorized to purchase property containing 550 acres of land near Girdletree, Maryland, known as the Scarborough Farm, owned by Davis and Holland of Berlin, at a price of \$5,500.00; and, further, that they be authorized to purchase a small piece of land between Girdletree and Stockton to square up the lines of the above property with the State highway, owned by J. R. Riley at a cost of \$25.00. This property will be purchased under the provisions of the Pittman-Robertson Act, whereby the Federal Government will take care of 75% of the cost and the State 25%.

ESTATE OF STAFFORD RAMBO; Physician:

The Board approved the proposed compromise of the State's claim under the will of Dr. Stafford Rambo, a physician of Georgia, as outlined in a letter addressed to the Board under date of January 19th, 1943 by Mr. Hall Hammond, Deputy Attorney General, whereby it is expected the State will receive for the use of Springfield and Spring Grove State Hospitals a total of approximately \$246,000.00.

The Governor stated that he had been advised by the State Law Department that it would be desirable for the Board to authorize the appointment of a Committee for the Children of Dr. Rambo and in accordance therewith the Board agreed to the suggestion and authorized the appointment of a Committee to represent the children in the legacy which is now pending.

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Board approved the purchase by the Eastern Shore State Hospital of used dental instrument cabinets at a cost of \$95.00, and additional attachments of \$40.00, total of \$135.00, to be paid for from the 1939 Bond Issue funds appropriated to provide laboratories and equipment. These purchases were recommended by Mr. Kirkman.

LEASES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a bill from O'Sullivan Building, Inc. in the amount of \$27.29, covering additional amount due under the terms of an amended lease, due for the month of February 1943 for the space occupied by the State Law Department.

The Board approved the additional rent.

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The Board approved the following leases, after due consideration.

State Department of Education-Rooms 1115, 1116 and 1117 Lexington Building, Baltimore, from Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Company of Baltimore, for a term of eight months, from February 1, 1943, at a rental of \$990.00 per annum.

Administrator of Loan Laws-Rooms 709-17 Calvert Building, from the Calvert Building & Construction Co., of approximately 1,335 square feet, for a term of one year, from April 1, 1943, at an annual rental of \$2,670.00.

State Law Department-Rooms 1901-1910, inclusive, O'Sullivan Building, from O'Sullivan Building, Inc., for a term of three years and eleven months, from February 1, 1943, at an annual rental of \$4,887.50.

State Department of Health:-

Brunswick, Maryland, from H. M. Werntz, Jacob H. Ephraim, Victor Caplon, Trustees of Beth Israel Congregation, space in the basement of the synagogue, A Street, extended, City of Brunswick, for a term of five years from April 1, 1943, at an annual rental of \$1.00 per year, payable by the Federal Government.

Havre de Grace, Maryland, from County Commissioners of Harford County at an annual rental of \$1.00 per year, for a term of 10 years from June 1, 1943, space in the new Harford Memorial Hospital being clinic room on the 1st floor in the northwest corner.

Pocomoke City, Maryland, from Linwood McDaniel and Milton Brimer, space in the McDaniel-Brimer Building, for a term of two years from October 1, 1942, at a rental of \$300.00 per year payable from local sources.

Snow Hill, Maryland, from Committee of the Presbyterian Church, Town of Snow Hill, County of Worcester, Maryland, space in the Hargis Building for a term of 3 years from January 1, 1943, at an annual rental of \$420.00, the funds being contributed from local sources.

Clinics in the following towns for which there will be no rental but an investment of approximately \$400.00 in equipment:

Poolesville, from Mr. Harry L. Willard
 Hagerstown, from Washington County General Hospital
 La Plata, from Physicians Memorial Hospital
 Leonardtown, from St. Mary's Hospital
 Odenton, from Anne Arundel County School Board
 Elkton, from Union Hospital of Cecil County.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS:

Mr. Kirkman reported to the Board that he had been advised by Col. James a Pratt, Superintendent of Maryland Training School for Boys that the balance of \$2,173.00 of Bond Issue Funds will not be used.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

The Board approved list of payments to be made to sundry educational institutions covering scholarships given by Morgan State College to various students, payable out of the Scholarship Fund for Morgan State College, in the amount of \$9,854.50.

OYSTERS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Mr. John C. Widener, Engineer of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, dated March 31, 1943, in which he acknowledged receipt of letter written by the Secretary of the Board of Public Works referring him a communication received from Mr. Wm. W. Travers, attorney for Marvin Cox, Nanticoke, Maryland, asking for reconsideration of Mr. Cox's claim covering damages sustained to his oyster planting grounds as a result of dredging in the Wicomico River in 1938 and 1939 by the War Department. Mr. Widener's letter advised that after reviewing the matter, the previous report made by him that these dredging operations caused no damage to the oyster lease hold of Mr. Cox, was substantiated and that he would be unable to make any recommendation to the Board that damages be awarded to Mr. Cox.

Under the circumstances, the Board declined to take any action on the claim of Mr. Cox.

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL:

The Board approved the request of Springfield State Hospital that it be authorized to award a contract to the Davis Construction Company in the amount of \$11,620.00, covering bid for day room and porch at the Epileptic Colony, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Henry Powell Hopkins, architect, the Davis Construction Company being the lowest of three bidders submitting proposals for the work.

SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Board approved request of Spring Grove State Hospital, in a letter dated March 16, 1943, that it be authorized to renew the rental of the tract of land containing 53 acres, located at Maiden Choice Lane and Shellbourne Road, owned by Mr. Wm. G. Finkner, for the year ending December 31, 1943, for the sum of \$400.00; and, also, for the tract of land of about 6 acres located on Paradise Avenue, from Mrs. Eva Butcher at an annual rental of \$48.00.

The Board also approved request received from the hospital in a letter of March 16, 1943 for permission to rent pasturage for dry cows and heifers during the coming summer of 1943, as has been done in previous years, at a cost of \$1.25 per head, per month. There will be from twenty-five to Thirty cattle during the six months period from May 15th to November 15th, 1943, and the total cost would be approximately \$200.00.

STATE PROPERTY:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Riggins Buckler, of Buckler & Fenhagen, architects, dated April 19th, 1943, suggesting that authority be given the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium to dispose of a 100,000 gallon steel water tower tank at Mt. Wilson Sanatorium, which tank was erected when the State purchased the institution. Since the erection of the tank the city water has been brought to Mt. Wilson and there is no further need of the tank at the institution. It was stated that it cost \$600.00 every time the tank is painted, which is about every four years, and that the tank is in need of paint now. The most recent offer received for the tank was from a party in St. Louis who telephoned an offer of \$2,500.00 for the tank as is.

The Secretary stated that he had talked with Dr. Cullen on the telephone about the matter and that Dr. Cullen recommends selling the tank, believing that it is of no further use to the State and that we might as well have the money and use it for some purpose which would be desirable at this time. Mr. Kirkman stated that the insurance companies had recommended to Mr. Miles that the tank be retained by the State because of some possible use of the water supply it would provide in case of fire. It was stated that the protection afforded by the continued existence of the tank would not, however, result in any lowering of the insurance premium on the property. The Secretary suggested that with the materials entering into the construction and erection of tanks being so scarce because of the war situation, it might be well to inquire of the various state institutions whether the tank at Mt. Wilson could be made useful at one of the other state institutions.

Mr. Kirkman was instructed to make inquiry of the various institutions as to whether a tank such as the State has at Mt. Wilson could be used elsewhere.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Director of the State Department of Public Welfare, requesting authority to dispose of old furniture which came to that department from WPA and other agencies, which is broken and of no value at this time. It was suggested that the property be given to the Good Will Industries who might be able to get some use of it after it is repaired.

Mr. Patterson also stated that they have some marionettes which were turned over to them by WPA and that they would like to give these to some non-profit dramatic association, like the Child Study Association, if it would meet with the approval of the Board.

The Board approved the recommendation as to the disposition of the old furniture and the marionettes.

(Also, see State Records referred to in same letter).

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The Board approved the disposal of a mimeograph machine owned by the Department of Budget and Procurement to Crosse and Blackwell at a price of \$15.00

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The Board approved the transfer of building materials between the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium and the Maryland Penal Farm, in accordance with communications from the Maryland Penal Farm to Mr. Kirkman dated January 29th, February 2nd and March 1st, 1943, upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman.

The Board also approved the transfer of the following supplies:

From Maryland State Penal Farm to Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium during March 1943	\$16.88
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From Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium to Maryland Penal Farm during March 1943	17.83,
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upon recommendation by Mr. Kirkman.

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Mr. Kirkman recommended that approval be given to request of the Maryland State Police for authority to dispose of tires no longer useful to that department.

The Board approved this request.

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Upon recommendation by Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved request of the State Teachers College at Towson, Maryland, for authority to dispose of 80 desk no longer needed by that department.

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The Board approved Condemnation Reports of the State Roads Commission, as follow, covering property no longer useful to that department:

#3709, 3327, 3646, 3158, 3251, 3257, and 3218.

STATE RECORDS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Director of the State Department of Public Welfare, calling attention to the fact that that Department has in its possession a lot of old records of the Transit Bureau, the old Works division, the M.E.R.A., the Unemployment Census, the C.W.A. Fund Control Register, etc., all prior to 1936, and requesting authority to dispose of these records as the department sees fit.

The Board approved disposition of the old records enumerated above, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1941 relating to the disposition of old records which are of no further use to the State.

(See, also State Property referred to in same letter).

STATE ROADS COMMISSION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from the State Roads Commission in which authority was requested for the expenditure of \$7,000.00 of the Commission's funds for the purpose of constructing a storage shed at Elkton to provide adequate protection for 22 trucks, several mowers, and miscellaneous small pieces of equipment, as well as to provide for a blacksmith shop, at the Elkton Garage located on Route 7 west of Red Mill, Cecil County.

The Board approved this request.

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The Secretary submitted to the Board, for execution, the following deeds which had been received from the State Roads Commission, conveying property owned by the State which is not needed for the State Roads System at this time.

Certain parcel of land in Eastport, Anne Arundel County, not needed in connection with proposed construction of Spa Creek Bridge, to Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore, Executor of Estate of Walter H. Hart, deceased.

Lots Nos. 601 and 602 as laid down on the Plat of "East View", No. 2, no longer needed in connection with the construction of the North Point Road Cloverleaf, to Adolph E. Vandermast and Mary Carolyn Vandermast, his wife.

0.29 Acre in Frederick County no longer needed in connection with the Buckeystown Turnpike Road, to Ned S. Zeiler and Johanna A. Zeiler, his wife.

Certain parcel of land, situate on North side of the present road leading from Berlin toward Ocean City, and West of Herring Creek, no longer needed in connection with the new highway leading into Ocean City, to Walter G. Murphy and Anna R. Murphy, his wife.

Certain property on the southwest side of the new Shepherdstown to Sharpsburg Road in Washington County, to J. Estelle Staley and Fannie B. Liebman.

STATE TAX COMMISSION:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board the fact that he had received from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company payment of \$37,807.49 covering amount of the State's claim against the company under bonds written by it on behalf of John F. O'Malley, deceased, covering his obligations to the State during his incumbency of the office of Chief Clerk of the State Tax Commission. Settlement was made in accordance with the recommendations of the State Law Department and the form of release submitted by the bonding company for execution by the State Comptroller was approved by the Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Hall Hammond.

The Board approved the settlement made by the Comptroller in this case.

TRAVEL EXPENSE:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. John D. Hospelhorn, Deputy Bank Commissioners, in which the Board was requested to reconsider its action in the matter of allowance for travel expense, whereby a State employee is allowed the expense of six cents per mile in the operation of a personally owned automobile in connection with State business and one cent extra per mile for additional passengers with a limit of eight cents per mile set, regardless of the number of extra passengers exceeding two persons.

After due consideration, the Board felt that the allowance of eight cents per mile as a maximum for travel expense in the case of personally owned

automobiles by State employees was sufficient and declined to approve the request of the Bank Commissioner for any allowance beyond that of eight cents allowed in its previous action.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BOARD:

The Board approved request of the Unemployment Compensation Board for authority to write-off as uncollectible various items covering abatements, adjustments and settlements made during the quarter ended December 31, 1942, the amount of which items is \$10,270.89.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board the new cooperative agreement entered into February 4, 1943 between the University of Maryland and the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute of Washington, D. C., whereby the University uses the facilities of the Institute, in Washington, D. C., to give courses in Engineering, Principles of Radio, and Principles of Electronics. Attached to the agreement was a statement showing the cost of this program of instruction as \$4,114.00 to the State, for a total number of 125 students.

The Board approved the execution of this agreement.

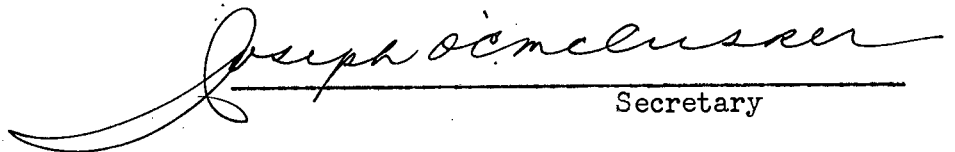
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Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board an agreement entered into January 1, 1943, between the University of Maryland and the Glenn L. Martin Company relative to a course in aeronautical engineering. It was noted that the costs for the conduct of this course will be reimbursed by the University of Maryland out of funds which will be furnished them by the U. S. Commissioner of Education. This course, known as Engineering Science and Management War Training Courses, will be given at 405-07 West Redwood Street, Baltimore, being the building owned by The Glenn L. Martin Company.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary